## REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 26, 2003. Claims 1-5 and 11-13 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 11 are the independent claims. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that

Claims 1-5 and 11-13 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled

Claims 6-10 and 14-15 to render the § 102 rejections of those

claims moot. Applicant respectfully believes the Claims in

condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees and fees for claims added upon amendment, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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